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April 21, 2005

To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chairman
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From: David E. Janssen
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**STATUS REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF LEVERAGING EXISTING COUNTY FUNDS
TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE, COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESS DELIVERY
SYSTEM**

On June 8, 2004, on a motion by Supervisors Yaroslavsky and Molina, your Board instructed my office to facilitate a workgroup to determine how existing County funds could be blended to provide a more effective, comprehensive homeless delivery system. We were also instructed to report back to the Board addressing the feasibility of transferring funds utilized for General Relief homeless shelters to the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to support a year-round shelter program.

My office provided a status report to your Board on October 6, 2004, which identified the representatives of the workgroup that was convened, as well as availability of additional County funds to support a more effective, comprehensive homeless delivery system. Additionally, as part of the strategy to develop and provide recommendations for a comprehensive year-round system, a contract with Shelter Partnership, a nonprofit organization with extensive expertise in the design of housing and resources for homeless services was executed on January 20, 2005. Shelter Partnership will include strategies for siting shelters in each of the five supervisorial districts, as well as implementation stages that can be pursued as resources are made available for a more comprehensive homeless delivery system. The term of this agreement was through April 30, 2005.

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Shelter Partnership provided status reports to Social Services Deputies, LAHSA and my staff on March 2 and April 6, 2005. Due to the comprehensive nature of developing a year-round system, Shelter Partnership requested an extension of the term of the contract for 30 days, through May 31, 2005.

Upon receipt and review of Shelter Partnership's final report due by May 31, 2005, we will provide a comprehensive final update to your Board within 60 days (July 31, 2005) on all the efforts related to this motion.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information, or your staff may contact David Seidenfeld at (213) 974-1457.

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c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
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